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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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SUBJECT: RWANDA WAR CRIMES

REF: A. STATE 198848 B. USUN NEW YORK 3089 (NOTAL) C.  
PRETORIA 10774

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: POST IS ASKED TO MAKE APPEAL FOR PRESIDENT MANDELA AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NZO TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR A RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL AND TO SEEK THE SUPPORT OF OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WITH WHOM THEY WILL BE MEETING. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFS A AND B, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS WILL BE CONCLUDED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THAT A FOLLOW-ON TRIBUNAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED ALONG THE LINES OF THAT CREATED FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

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4. POST SHOULD CONVEY OUR POSITION TO THE SAG AS INDICATED IN REFS A AND B, AND SEEK A COMMITMENT FROM SAG

TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE TRIBUNAL AND SEEK THE BACKING OF OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS DURING VISITS IN AUGUST.

5. POST SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT MANDELA AND FOREIGN MINISTER NZO AND OTHERS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LEND GREAT CREDIBILITY AND MOMENTUM FOR THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT AND THAT THE PROSECUTION OF PERPETRATORS OF ATROCITIES IN AN IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM IS CRITICAL FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE REGION.

6. POST SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD AND SHOULD PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE IN THIS EFFORT, THEREBY PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND FURTHERING ITS MORAL LEADERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF, AS WE HOPE, JUSTICE GOLDSTONE WILL OVERSEE BOTH YUGOSLAV AND RWANDA WAR CRIMES.

7. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF THE SAG COULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO ASSURE RWANDA GOVERNMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR A TRIBUNAL AND TO

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URGE THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO BEGIN NATIONAL PROSECUTIONS.  
THE SAG ALSO COULD URGE THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO CURB  
VIGILANTE JUSTICE AND AWAIT AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

8. POST SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO SAG THE POTENTIALLY  
DESTABLIZING EFFECT NATIONAL PROSECUTIONS COULD HAVE,  
INCLUDING A NEW SPATE OF VIOLENCE.

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9. POST SHOULD ALSO RAISE THE DETENTION ISSUE OUTLINED IN  
REFS A AND B AND ASK SAG TO EMPHAS ZE TO OTHER AFRICAN  
STATES THE IMPORTANCE OF DETAINING PERSONS AGAINST WHOM  
THERE IS CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THEY PERPETRATED  
ATROCITIES.

10. POST SHOULD SEEK THE SUPPORT OF SAG FOR A SC  
RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN REF B, AND TO URGE  
PRESIDENT MANDELA AND FOREIGN MINISTER NZO TO RAISE THE  
ISSUE WITH OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS DURING DISCUSSIONS  
WITH OAU.

11. PLEASE SLUG REPLIES FOR L- CRYSTAL NIX, L-UNA - EVAN  
BLOOM AND USUN/W - DAVID SCHEFFER.

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